Past Pursuits

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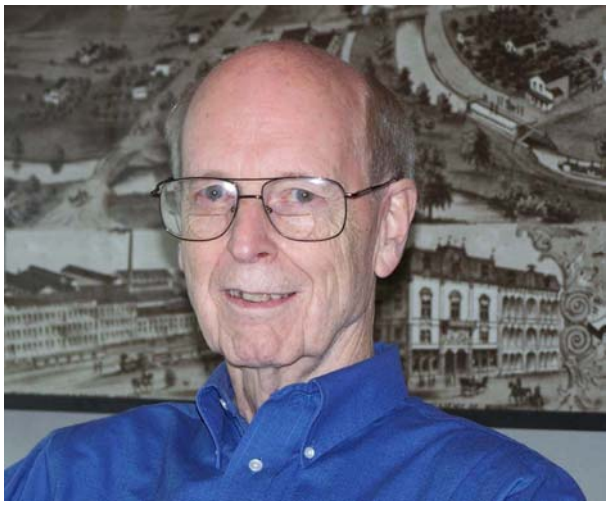
Kudos & Thanks for a Job Well Done

By Judy James

Thanks to the efforts of local historian Jim Mackey, Summit County residents now have unprecedented access to the Lawrence Collection, an extensive collection of materials about the history of Tallmadge maintained at the Tallmadge Branch Library.

The Lawrence Collection consists of documents, photographs, newspapers, maps, and artifacts pertaining to the history of Tallmadge representing decades of research and collecting by the late Tallmadge historian, Frank E. Lawrence. Jim often used the collection and while he recognized its value, he noted that it was difficult to use. He strongly encouraged the Library to look at ways to make this important collection more accessible to the community.



Jim Mackey, Tallmadge resident, genealogist and local historian.

In 2002, the Lawrence Collection Indexing Project was launched by the Special Collections Division of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. A searchable database which will ultimately be available to the public was designed to hold records for items in this collection. In September of 2002, a small team of volunteers was organized to begin the indexing and data entry for the collection. Jim took the lead in this project, and since that time has devoted more than 500 hours and created more than 5,000 records. (continued on page 3)

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Stillborn Death Certificates

By Cheri Goldner

If you've worked much with the Ohio death certificate collection in Special Collections, you may have found that certificates for stillborn infants are not always easy to locate. That's because from mid 1918-1919 and 1922-1953, there was actually a separate record series for stillborn certificates. Until recently, we did not have this separate stillborn death series and had to refer researchers to the Ohio Historical Society (OHS). Now that we do have the series, it's helpful to know how death certificates for stillborn infants have been filed over the years and how you can find them.

1908 - Mid 1918: Stillborn infants received only death certificates. These were filed within the main run of Ohio death certificates and can be located using the death certificate indexes. You can locate the certificate number by using the microfilm and microfiche indexes here in Special Collections for the years 1908-1953, although stillborn infants are not included after 1941. OHS's online index for the years 1913-1944 at www.ohiohistory.org/dindex.html includes stillborn infants up until 1936, and Ancestry Library Edition's "Ohio Deaths, 1908-1944 and 1958-2002" database includes stillborn infants from 1908-1932 and 1939-1941.

Mid 1918 – 1919: Ohio law required that stillborn infants be documented with both a birth and a death certificate, creating two new record series: stillborn death certificates and stillborn birth certificates. While the death certificates were filed and microfilmed separately from the main run of Ohio death certificates, the certificate numbers appear in the death indexes mentioned above. These certificates will have very low volume and file or certificate numbers, indicating they are found in the separate series.

1920 - 1921: The stillborn death certificates were again interfiled with other death certificates, just as they were in 1908.

1922 – 1941: Stillborn death certificates were once again separated from other death certificates, just as they were in the latter part of 1918. The certificates are again identifiable in the indexes by their low volume and file or certificate numbers.

1942 - 1953: The law changed again, creating a new "certificate of stillbirth" that combined the information on the stillborn birth and stillborn death certificates into one record. There is no known index to these records, but they can be browsed fairly easily since they are organized by year, then broken down by month and arranged alphabetically by county (for example, 1943, January: Adams through Wyandot, February: Adams through Wyandot, etc.).

The separate stillborn death certificates for mid 1918-1919 and 1922-1953 can be found in the last microfilm drawer of the Ohio Death Certificate Collection. Thanks to Louise T. Jones, Assistant Director of Research Services at OHS, for providing much of this information.

New Summit County Veterans Collection

Summit County has been home to many men and women who have served during war time in the 20th Century. Both to honor their service and to preserve a record of their accomplishments, the Special Collections Division has begun collecting information about these heroes. These records are stored in archival folders and made available to patrons upon request. Although each file is different, most contain brief genealogical or biographical information as well as copies of citations, war time correspondence, or news clippings.

These records can be invaluable to a young family historian who has only a vague idea of what Grandpa's or Grandma's service might have been like. Please consider donating some of your family's military service records to this important collection. For more information, contact Joanne O'Dell at 330.643.9030.

A Civil War Medal

By Michael Elliott

How would you like to own a West Virginia Civil War era medal? And here's the best part; there's no catch. In fact, you could be the legal heir to the item in question and to obtain it all you have to do is submit documents to prove your ancestry.

This medal was struck to honor the memory of distant cousin John James Elliott of Co. K 7th West Virginia Infantry, who went missing at the battle of Spotsylvania on May 12, 1864. The ribbon measures approximately 4 inches in length and the medallion has a diameter of just over 1 inch.

At the close of the Civil War the Adjutant-General for the state of West Virginia reported that 26,099 men had enlisted in regiments from that state. In grateful appreciation of their service the state legislature authorized production of complimentary medals recognizing the veterans and in more than a few cases, their sacrifice. Composed of solid copper, these medals were minted in 1866 and efforts to disperse them were taken immediately. By the end of 1868, approximately 17,500 had been handed out to the veterans or their survivors. Over the years, several campaigns were mounted to try and locate the individual soldiers (or their heirs) and present them with the medal. These efforts met with limited success as many men had left the region following the war or were residents of adjacent states both before and after their enlistment.

Now 140 years later, there still remain more than 4,000 medals in the custody of the West Virginia Archives. To make an ownership claim, first check the most recent list of unclaimed medals at http://www.wvculture.org/history/medals.html (be aware that many misspellings did occur). If you find an ancestor – and it doesn't have to be a direct line – simply fill out the application form and include the relevant documentation to prove kinship. There is also a $30.00 application and processing fee. A wait of six months is required to assure that a "closer" claim is not made.

One additional thing to remember is that the Special Collections Division at the Akron-Summit County Public Library holds records of selected West Virginia counties that could be used to support your claim.

Kudos (continued)

He continues to work on this project and coordinates a new program to assist researchers who wish to use the Lawrence Collection. He has also participated on a related project to select photographs from the collection for a digital history exhibit to celebrate the Tallmadge Bicentennial in 2007.

Jim has worked tirelessly, quietly, and enthusiastically on this project for more than four years. Because of his efforts, access to the history of Tallmadge, Ohio is now available to our community. By 2007, the global community will also have access when Jim's work is available on the Library's website. The Akron-Summit County Public Library is extremely grateful to Jim for his dedication, knowledge, and time.

Building Akron

By Judy James

The development and growth of Akron is closely tied to its geographical and geological history. While many types of geologic formations can be found in Summit County, the predominant bedrock is Sharon Formation deposited during the Pleistocene epoch. A type of sandstone, this durable rock was quarried locally and used in the construction of the Ohio and Erie Canal and many of

Akron's early buildings. Some buildings were constructed from rock quarried onsite and several quarries were located on Quarry Street, known today as Bowery Street.

Notable Akron buildings constructed of Sharon Formation stone include the Perkins Mansion, St. Vincent Church, the Everett Building, and the Old Stone School. By the end of the 19th Century, Berea sandstone replaced Sharon Formation as the stone used for many Akron buildings. Examples of buildings constructed of Berean sandstone include the Memorial Chapel at Glendale Cemetery, St. Bernard's Church, and the Summit County Courthouse.

Guide to the Building Stones and Cultural Geology of Akron, by Joseph T. Hannibal, a paleontologist with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, includes a geologic survey of Summit County, a history of Summit County's stone industry, and studies of numerous buildings in Akron from the 19th Century to the present. It includes many photographs of the sites mentioned above, as well as a table which summarizes twenty-eight significant buildings, their history, and the materials of which they are constructed. Published by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological Survey, it is available at Main Library and several ASCPL branches.

German Ancestors in Akron

By Michael Elliott

If you can make a claim of German descent, you are not alone among Americans. According to the 2000 Federal Census nearly 43,000,000 of us can claim German heritage - a number higher than any other ethnic group. Many had come to work and build the canals while others were fleeing the German Revolution of 1848 or for the simple reason of economics. Still others were avoiding compulsory military service and like immigrants from other countries were looking to own land and seek a new start in life. While German immigration stagnated during the American Civil War it resumed as hostilities ended and it peaked in the early 1880s. During this time, before the turn of the 20th Century, Germans were far and away the largest immigrant group in the United States.

In Akron, German immigration to the area began slowly. In 1850, not quite one tenth of the total population of Akron and Portage Township were German by birth. By 1860, the number had swelled to slightly more than ten percent. While the number of German natives residing in Akron remained consistent at around 10 percent of the total population at any given time, it must be remembered that the German language continued to be spoken in the home and taught in the public schools. The result was that second or even third generation German-Americans continued to keep the customs and interests of their immigrant parents and grandparents. Consequently, many German social clubs and groups were founded beginning with the Liedertafel in 1855. Eventually other German societies would be formed including the Akron German Guards, the Landwehr (members had to have served in the German military), the Schwesterbund ("sisters union"), the Liederkranz (literally "song crown") and others. Membership in some of these groups remained strong well into the 20th century. German immigrants also worshipped in churches which they founded, including St. Bernard's, Zion Lutheran, and the German Reformed church, the first and last named maintaining their own cemeteries.

While never as numerous as those immigrants from the British Isles, the German element in Akron was very influential indeed in the development of Akron. Take for example Ferdinand Schumacher a native of the German principality of Hanover and perhaps the most recognizable name in Akron's history. From his beginning as a humble grocer in 1851, he eventually became Akron's "oatmeal king." Among other highly successful Germans in the Akron area were George Renner, Fred Horix and Wilhelm Burkhardt (brewers), Paul Werner (printing), Joseph Burger (iron molding), Jacob Koch (clothing), Henry Klages (coal and ice), and George Billow or Billau (funeral director). Other prominent Akron surnames with German ancestry are Seiberling and Buchtel.

These individuals were the exception more than the rule. Most Germans who came to the area were common folk who worked in a variety of trades including tailors, carpenters and day laborers. Many ended up working for the previously mentioned Schumacher, word probably filtering back to Germany that Akron was a pleasant place to live. Census returns indicate that in the mid to late 19th Century the majority of Germans residing in the Akron area originated in Bavaria, Wurttemburg and Baden.

It is estimated that by the end of the 19th Century, fully one third of Akron's population could speak German. There was even a need for German newspapers, the most prominent being the Akron *Germania* which began publication in 1868 and stayed in operation through 1925. In addition to the news of the day, the paper provided items of local interest as well as an advertising section catering to its readers. A typical example can be seen below.

Neujahrsball

— der —

Harmonie

am Dienstag Abend den

1. Januar 1878,

in der Harmonie Halle Kaiser's Block.

Beste Musik, gute Erfrischungen.
—Eintrittspreis 50 Cents per Paar.

Zum Besuch ladet ein

Das Comite.

This advertisement for a News Year's Ball, promising "good music and good refreshments," appeared in the December 27, 1877 issue of the Germania, one of Akron's German language newspapers.

It's possible to begin your German family research here at the Library. In addition to the usual sources of census, death certificates and obituaries, researchers can consult our collection of German immigration books including the *Germans To America* series that has benefited many people attempting to find their immigrant ancestors. We also subscribe to the periodicals *German Genealogical Digest* and *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage*. The key is to try to find the city or village where the family originated. With that knowledge, it's possible to consult church and parish registers, most of which are available from the Family History Library administered by the LDS church. The bad news is that these rolls are, of course, in old German script and are difficult for even many Germans to read. The good news is that families tended to not move around much in earlier centuries, so it may be possible to go back several generations. When you get to this point, it is usually a good idea to commission a professional researcher in the area where your German ancestors originated. *Viel Glück!*

Late Night at the Library

Join the Special Collections Division and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for an evening of genealogy research. On Friday, October 13, the Library will close at its regular time of 6:00 pm but will re-open for genealogists from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. Mingle with fellow researchers as you uncover the details of your ancestry. Refreshments will be provided and parking is free in the High Street & E. Market deck if you enter it after 6:00 pm. For more information, contact Special Collections at 330.643.9030.

Good Luck Jamie

Jamie Onusic Skeggs recently married and has moved to California with her new husband. She has been a vital member of the Special Collections staff since the creation of the division. We will all miss her and wish her the best of luck in the Golden State.

On Exhibit

Native American Exhibits at Main Library

On September 5 and 6, 2006, the Archives of the History of American Psychology at the University of Akron will host a conference, *Abraham Maslow and the Blackfoot Experience* at the Akron-Summit County Public Library (September 5) and the University (September 6). This conference will examine the influence of the Blackfoot Indian culture on the work of psychologist Abraham Maslow. An exhibit about Maslow's work with the Blackfoot may be viewed in the History & Humanities Division on the third floor of Main Library. In conjunction with the conference, Special Collections will install *Native Americans in Summit County: Prehistory to the Present*, an exhibit of materials and artifacts documenting the history and presence of Native Americans in Summit County and surrounding areas. The exhibit may be seen during the months of September and October in the Special Collections Division. For information about the conference, contact the Psychology Archives at 330.972.6474.

Reflections on Glass: the Photography of Willard Penfield Seiberling

Willard Seiberling, son of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company co-founder F.A. Seiberling, was an amateur photographer who documented the lives of his family as well as life in Akron in the early 1900s. Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, in conjunction with the Library and the Summit County Historical Society is pleased to present *Reflections on Glass: the Photography of Willard Penfield Seiberling*. This exhibit features many of Mr. Seiberling's recently discovered photographs, as well as examples of early photography equipment. It may be seen on the second floor of Main Library during the months of November, December, and January. Please visit the Library's website (http://www.akronlibrary.org/) to learn more about this exhibit and related programs offered by the Library, Stan Hywet, and the Akron Art Museum.

Securing the Shadow: Portrait Photography in Akron, 1850-1900

Between the years 1850 and 1900, Akron was home to more than 80 photography studios. During that time, local residents had their choice of studios where they could preserve images of their families or "secure the shadow" as a popular advertising slogan suggested. The Special Collections Division, in collaboration with the Summit County Historical Society and Dr. Virginia Gunn, Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Akron, is pleased to present an exhibit about the business of portrait studios in Akron during the second half of the nineteenth century. This exhibit may be viewed on the third floor of Main Library in the Special Collections Division during the months of November, December, January, and February.

Local History Events

PPG Limestone Mines
Barberton Public Library
Wednesday, September 20, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Presented by Robert Erbse, a former PPG employee, the program will provide interesting stories and information about the limestone mines in Norton dug by PPG. Measuring 2,250 feet down, this was the deepest limestone mine in the world. Mr. Erbse's talk will be accompanied by historic photographs of the limestone mines. For more information, please call 330.745.1194.

Base Ball
Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
Sunday, September 24, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Black Stockings vs. Amherst Stone Masons; double-header. Watch 1860s style base ball games (historically accurate spelling) with old-time equipment, uniforms and rules of conduct. Games are played on the Great Meadow. Games are included with grounds admission to Stan Hywet. Advance ticketing not required; tickets may be purchased at Stan Hywet admissions upon arrival. For more information, please see http://www.stanhywet.org/calendar/calendar_view.aspx?A=&UID=EF445F20-680A-4015-9ECC-B1E218405773.

Barberton Mum Fest
City of Barberton, Ohio
September 23 & 24, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
The Annual Mum Fest features Mums, Music and More. 19,000 Yoder chrysanthemums create over a million blooms at Barberton's Lake Anna Park. Admission is free and family entertainment includes arts and crafts, food, water ski shows, sand sculpting, ice carving, historic displays, trains, and children's area. For more information, please see http://www.cityofbarberton.com/events/calendar.shtml.

Oktoberfest
Cuyahoga Falls Oktoberfest
September 29 – October 1
The 27th annual Cuyahoga Falls Oktoberfest. For more information, please see http://www.oktoberfestcfo.com/events.

Annual Harvest Festival
Hale Farm & Village
Saturday, October 14, 11:00 – 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 15, 12:00 – 5:00 pm
Some of America's best-loved fall traditions – from cider pressing to kettle popcorn popping to wagon rides – are just a small part of the festivities. Historic interpreters will entertain visitors by playing the roles of mid-nineteenth century Americans preparing apples, corn, onions, and catsup for winter storage! For more information, please see http://www.wrhs.org/halefarm/template.asp?id=419

HolidayFest
Lock 3 Live
November 24 – January 1, 2007
Holidayfest returns for another season in Downtown Akron. Featuring Ohio's largest seasonal ice skating rink, the month-long celebration includes an authentic German Chriskindl Market, a spectacular holiday lighting ceremony, stage shows, the *Nutcracker,* the *Welcome Santa* parade on Main Street, and the New Year's Eve grand finale, *First Night* – a festival of the arts. For more information, please see http://destinationdowntownakron.com/lock3/06summer/holidayfest.html.

Deck the Halls
Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens
November 24-26 & December 8-30
This year, the Manor House will be transformed to portray Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet, *The Nutcracker*. In addition, the estate's grounds and gardens will offer a winter wonderland of lights, the Museum Store will be open with specially selected gift items, and the Carriage House Café will serve hot chocolate, cookies, and other holiday fare. For more information, please see http://www.stanhywet.org/calendar/calendar_view.aspx?A=&UID=6807906F-9922-4F36-BB6D-2AC3AD264CD4.

Genealogy Events

Introduction to African-American Research
Genealogical Committee of WRHS
Saturday, September 16, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
This class will focus on records and research techniques from the present to the end of the Civil War with a brief introduction to locating a slave owner as well as resources at WRHS. The cost is $15 with a late fee of $5 for reservations made after September 9. For more information, please see http://www.wrhs.org/library/template.asp?id=195.

Finding Your Family Tree in the Probate & Clerk of Courts Forests
Summit County Chapter of OGS
Saturday, September 16, 1:00 pm
Our meeting with be held at the Court House. Deputy clerks from both areas will be available for hands-on research in helping find your ancestor's records. For more information, please see http://spot.acorn.net/gen/chapinfo.html.

Getting Started in Family History
ASCPL – Special Collections
Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
This orientation will include an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Held at the Main Library in downtown Akron, the session is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330.643.9030.

AAGS Genealogy Meeting
African-American Genealogy Society
Saturday, September 23, 9:30 – 1:00 pm
"Coal Dust in Your Veins: Tips, Strategies and Resources to bring your Coal Mining Ancestors to the Surface," presented by Tim Pinnick at the Maple Heights Library. General meeting and presentation will be followed by a research workshop. For more information, please contact dstallworth@aagsclev.org.

Genealogy 101
Genealogical Committee of WRHS
Saturday, September 30, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Learn about getting organized, interviewing, home sources, preservation, and a brief introduction to the internet and the WRHS Library. Cost is $ 10 with a $5 late fee for reservations made after September 23. For more information, please see http://www.wrhs.org/library/template.asp?id=195.

Genealogy 102
Genealogical Committee of WRHS
Saturday, October 7, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Got the basics? It's time to learn about a variety of records. Topics: vital records, cemetery and funeral home records, and an introduction to census records as well as additional internet resources. Bring a filled in pedigree chart. Time will be spent in the Library researching with the assistance of experienced volunteers. The cost is $15 with a late fee of $5 for reservations made after September 30. For more information, please see http://www.wrhs.org/library/template.asp?id=195.

OGS Second Annual Fall Seminar
Ohio Genealogical Society
Saturday, October 7, 9:00 – 4:00 pm
The seminar features John Colletta who is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers and will be held at the James W. Kehoe Center for Advanced Learning in Mansfield, Ohio. The schedule of events includes an open discussion hour and a post seminar reception. For more information, please see http://www.ogs.org/fallseminar.php.

Polish Genealogy Seminar
Genealogical Committee of WRHS
Sunday, October 8, 12:30 – 4:00 pm
John Grabowski will present *Polish Immigration to America and Northeastern Ohio*. Ceil Jensen will present *Researching Polish Roots with Home Sources and in Poland*. For more information and to register, contact Wally Huskonen at 440.526.1238.

Late Night at the Library
ASCPL – Special Collections & SCOGS
Friday, October 13, 6:30 – 10:30 pm
The Library closes to the public at 6:00, but will re-open at 6:30 pm just for genealogists. Join us for an evening of research with refreshments and door prizes. For more information call, 330.643.9030.

Getting Started in Family History
ASCPL – Special Collections
Saturday, October 21, 10:00 – 11:00 am
This orientation will include an overview of the genealogical resources available at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, suggestions for getting started, and tips for organizing your research. Held at the Main Library in downtown Akron, the session is free and open to the public. For more information, call 330.643.9030.

Military Records Seminar
Genealogical Committee of WRHS
Sunday, October 22, 12:30 – 4:00 pm
Brent Morgan will present *Researching your 18th & 19th Century Ancestors in the Military*. Wally Huskonen will present *Researching your 20th Century Ancestors in the Military.* For more information and to register, please contact Wall Huskonen at 440.526.1238.

Annual Banquet; The British Are Here
Summit County Chapter, OGS
Saturday, November 4, 1:00 pm
David Zeih, retired history teacher, dressed as a Britsh soldier during the Revolutionary War, gives an entertaining piece-by-piece explanation of the uniform worn, life in the British army, a musket demonstration, and the origins of some phrases such as "Don't let the cat out of the bag." For more information, please see http://www.wrhs.org/library/template.asp?id=195.

Mining the Resources at WRHS
Genealogical Committee of WRHS
Saturday, November 4, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
WRHS has more than census and Cuyahoga Co. materials. Learn about some of the "hidden resources." Topics include manuscripts (original records), finding aids, online sources, newspaper, periodicals, local government records, ethnic sources, etc. as well as research strategies for using the Library. Bring information about your family. Time will be spent in the Library using materials which are discussed. The cost is $15 with a late fee of $5 for reservations made after October 28. For more information, please see http://www.wrhs.org/library/template.asp?id=195.

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Barbara Griffith for *Revolutionary Ancestors of Highland County, Ohio.*

Joseph T. Hannibal for *Guide to the Building Stones and Cultural Geology of Akron* by Joseph T. Hannibal.

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Stan Oliner for air mail envelope commemorating the Goodyear ZRS-4 zeppelin.

Roadway Express for historical materials about Roadway Express.

Ralph Witt for a manuscript of his reminiscences about his service in the U.S. Army during World War II and documents related to Margaret Joan Wallace Witt and the Witt and Wallace families.

Sarah Wright for *Wild Rose of the Beaver* by Rudolph Leonhart.

New to the Collection

African-Americans

Slave ancestral research: It's something else

Alabama

Abstracts of Baldwin Co. will book A
1809 – 1881
Abstracts of Madison Co. wills 1847-57
Alabama Mortality Schedule of 1860
Baldwin Co., marriages 1810-1836
Baldwin Co. marriages 1845-1870
Bibb Co., AL unrecorded marriages
Dallas Co., AL marriages 1818-1845
Dallas Co., AL black marriages 1876
Dallas Co. will book A 1821-1849
Dallas Co. will book B 1850-1871
Jefferson Co., AL marriages 1818-1836
Jefferson Co., AL marriages 1837-1849
Jefferson Co., AL marriages 1850-1859
Jefferson Co., AL marriages 1860-1869
Jefferson Co., AL marriages 1870-1879
Lee Co., AL marriages 1867-1870
Lee Co., AL marriages 1871-1875
Lee Co., AL marriages 1874-1880

Alabama (continued)
Lee Co., AL marriages 1880-1887
Lee Co., AL marriages 1886-1893
Mobile Co., AL marriages 1813-1841
Mobile Co., AL marriages 1842-1846
Passports & ship passengers 1849-1862 Mobile Co., Alabama
Shelby Co., AL death records 1920-1927
Shelby Co. AL marriages 1890-1898
Washington Co. marriages 1899-1906
1889 Taxpayer census: Cullman Co.

Connecticut
The Poor & others to be pitied (Windham Co.)

District of Columbia
District of Columbia Free Negro Registers: 1821-1861 (2 vols.)

Georgia
Cherokee Co. marriages 1840-1849
Clarke Co., GA marriages 1807-1820
Clayton Co., GA marriages 1859-1876
Index to Cobb Co. Estates 1837-77
DeKalb Co., GA Probate Records
Hall Co., GA marriages 1819-1832
Henry Co. slave owner census of 1850
Henry Co., GA marriages 1822-1850
Houston Co., GA Will books A, B, C
Marriages & Obits from the Macon Messenger 1818-1865
Marriage licenses 1785-1849 Richmond Co., GA
Marriages 1835-1850 Muscogee Co.
Slaveowners 1850 & 1860 (Fayette Co.)

Kentucky
Barren Co., KY African-American marriage index 1866-1932
Black funerals conducted at Hatcher & Saddler funeral home 1900-1962
Fayette Co., KY records Vol. 3
Fayette Co., KY records Vol. 5
Fayette Co., KY wills 1788-1822
Bagdad cemetery – Shelby Co. KY
Woodford Co., KY wills 1789-1815

Maine
Headstone Inscriptions (Cumberland)

Maryland
Gen. abstracts from the Brunswick Herald 1899-1902 (Frederick)
Maryland Freedom Papers – Kent Co.

Mississippi
First settlers of the Mississippi Territory
Mississippi Marriages early to 1825
Woodville Republican Vol. 3

New Hampshire
Birth records from Nashua NH 1887-1935

New York
Abstract & name index to the Huntington Highway books 1671-1926

North Carolina
Bladen Co., NC abstracts of deeds
Colonial Granville Co. & its people
Macon Co., NC marriages 1829-1939
NC Slaves & Free persons of Color: Hyde & Beaufort Counties
NC Slaves & Free persons of Color: Burke, Lincoln & Rowan Co.
Old Albemarle & its absentee landlords

Ohio
Atlas of Athens County, Ohio 1875
Black marriages of Gallia Co 1851-1905
Clinton Co., OH births 1867-1880
Clinton Co., OH births 1880-1889
Historical Story of Olmsted (Cuyahoga)
History of the upper Ohio Valley
How they harnessed Yellow Creek: Historic Bath Township. (Summit Co.)
In Their Path: A grandmother's 519 mile Underground Railroad walk
Lorain Co. births 1867-1872
Lorain Co. deaths 1867-1878
Who was born in a log cabin (Lorain)
Medina Co. women of the military
Revolutionary ancestors of Highland Co.
Stone Settings: Obits from the Jewish Independent (Cuyahoga Co.)
Springfield, OH revisited (Clark Co.)
Lucas Co. index to deaths 1867-1908
Wayne's Trace: From Ft. Deposit to Ft. Industry.

Pennsylvania

Collected cemeteries of the Tri-County region
Genealogical Tidbits from Pennsylvania
(The) Land of Dayaogeh (Allegheny)
Lost in Pennsylvania? Try the published Pennsylvania Archives
Births, Marriages & Deaths 1850 -1855 in Cambria Co., PA
Transcription of Clarion Co. Death Register 1893-1906
Gazetteer & Business Directory of Erie Co. PA 1873-1874
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Tombstone Inscriptions of Mt. Washington cemetery (Fayette)
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Updated Five Generation Charts From the Summit County Chapter of OGS

One of the projects of the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society is to maintain five-generation pedigree charts of members and others who submit their family information to the Chapter. Thanks to the efforts of project chair Jim Mackey, researchers now have access to all charts submitted for the years 1994-2006. This work and corresponding index, which supplements the 1971-1994 edition, is now available in the Special Collections Division. Thanks to Jim for his work on this project and to the Summit County Chapter of OGS for donating a copy to the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

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